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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6890

BILL NUMBER: SB 354

DATE PREPARED: Jan 16, 2002

BILL AMENDED: Jan 15, 2002

SUBJECT: Environmental Crimes Task Force.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

STATE IMPACT	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		9,000	9,000
Net Increase (Decrease)		(9,000)	(9,000)

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Environmental Crimes Task Force to study the appropriate class of criminal violation that should be assigned to each type of environmental crime. The bill requires the task force to file a final report before November 1, 2004.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The task force consists of four legislators, one state employee, and ten lay members. Legislators are entitled to \$112 per diem. Lay members are entitled to \$75 per diem. Members are also entitled to \$0.345 mileage. The expenses of the committee are to be paid from State General Fund appropriations made to the Legislative Council or the Legislative Services Agency. Legislative Council Resolution 01-3 (adopted June 7, 2001) provides a budget of \$9,000 for interim study committees with fewer than 16 members.

The Legislative Services Agency is to provide staff support to the committee. The Agency should be able to absorb expenses associated with this provision given its current budget.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: